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IN MEMORY OF BOBBIE

Missoula's Caledonian Club Has a Right Royal Good Time.

SONGS, SPEECHES, POEMS

Mr. Macaulay Inyokes the Muse in Graphic Style—The Lads and Lassies Dance Merrily in K. of P. Hall.

MISSOULA, Jan. 25.—The name of Robert Burns is dear to every one who speaks English and who admires honesty and candor. And especially is his memory dear to the sons and daughters of Bonnie Scotland, wherever they are found—and that is everywhere, for they are scattered over the world in every direction and are met in every clime. The hamlet or town is indeed rare that cannot point to some good feature that is due to the influence of some Scottish citizen. And in the hearts of these children of rugged Scotia, the name of Burns shares the affection which will ever be felt for the memory of Bruce and of Wallace. His blunt, sturdy philosophy, his clear perception of human nature and his love for his native hills and valleys, all inspire a sentiment of sincere admiration for the honest, peasant poet who wrote and spoke as he thought, simply but effectively.

The Scotchmen of Missoula, with their wives and sweethearts and daughters to-night honored the highland poet by an enthusiastic celebration of the anniversary of his birth. Ever since the Caledonian club was organized, its members have had in mind a proper observance of Burns' birthday and to-night their plans found happy consummation in the banquet which was held in the dining room of the Rankin house, which had been turned over to the club for the occasion. The tables were artistically arranged and no happier assembly ever sat down to a feast anywhere. True Scotch hospitality and good cheer prevailed and the members of the club made their guests feel perfectly at home and almost made them wish that they had been born in Scotland. The menu was elaborate and well served, the arrangements were perfect, the toastmaster pleasant and witty and there was no one present who did not enjoy himself thoroughly.

S. H. Garrick presided as toastmaster and welcomed the members and guests in a neat speech. After the banquet the following toasts were proposed: "President of the United States," response, A. L. Stone; "Robert Burns," response by J. A. Riddell; "Scotia's Sons and Daughters," Scott Anderson; "Ladies," by C. W. Blair; "Our Noble Selves," by George Pringle. S. H. Garrick sang "There Was a Lad," M. Macaulay recited "Tam O'Shanter," George Pringle sang with fine effect "The Highland Man's Toast," Nellie Sinclair gave an excellent recitation "Scotch Wards," H. W. Thompson sang a selected solo and the programme closed with an original song "Three Croonies," by M. G. Macaulay, set to music by Professor Roese. A social dance concluded the evening's entertainment.

The following original poem was read by Malcolm G. Macaulay, "the Poet of the Rockies":

I dreamed a long dream one calm midsummer's night,
When backward turned time in a strange, rapid flight,
And borne on the pinions of Transport I flew
To the braes of Auld Scotland where breath I first drew.

I heard sounds of revelry, buzzards and cheers,
The old clock of time turned back hundred years;
Though primitive all, each was heavenly fair,
As the landscape I scanned from the banks of the Ayr.

The heather and thistle, the old kirk's tall spire
Combined all at once my glad soul to inspire;
And danced I that night with full many a lady,
My costume so bright, aye, my kilts and my plaidie.

Shook hands, too, on New Year with great Robert Burns,
Who wished me again and again glad returns;
Presented me then in his pleasing address,
So kind, to the lovely lass of Inverness.

Yes, Burns, that imperishable, bright, glowing star,
Whom never a sorrow on earth now can mar,
Whose word so sublime upon all of his pages
Forever will shine to the long-coming ages.

Conversed with Jean Armour, a most precious boon,
Whilst on the green banks of the fair, bonny Doon,
And watched the calm waters, so placid and free,
As glided they onward toward the vast sea.

And one eve we sang "The Lass of Ballochmyle,"
And there was a laddie there was born in Kyle;
The programme was pleasure, we ne'er had a spot,
And all felt that "a man's a man for a' that."

Each morning we bade one another good bye,
When some were seen coming down through the tall rye;
At evening shade with "John Anderson, my Jo,"
We met again where "Green Grew the Rushes, O."

And each time I strayed by the banks of the Ayr,
"A big-bellied bottle was the whole of my care,"
And my pathway each time so smooth and so airy,
Saw when mourning with Burns for his loved "Highland Mary."

A lass and myself (her name was Matilda)
Of shadell ourselves 'neath the birks Aberfeldy,
And thought I: "Although thou man never be mine,"
Yet must I recount the days of "Auld Lang Syne."

The mirth, too, that flowed then so gentle, so free,
Likewise the lass that madeth the couch for me;
You may talk of world's fairs and loftiest towers,
Where oft you have whiled away happiest hours.

But rather than all for a season most grand,
I'd have a long visit to old Scotia's land,
That fairy land, bright with the sweetest of flowers,
Its rich hawthorne shades and most classic of bowers.

Ah! well do I mind when I met Duncan Gray,
Ere sailing the desolate foam far away,
When that Highland laddie did help me dis-til
Some good old Scotch whiskey for "Meg o' the Mill."

And quaffed we of it with our Nannie awa',
The very best barley corn ever I saw;
I stalked then with sons and fair daughters of yore,
Whom both fame and greatness had brought to their shore.

And thought I, when facing the world's din and rattle,
Life's wild stormy ocean and e're raging battle,
Whilst floating adown on the bosom of Time,
Let's ever remember these pleasures sub line.

I afterwards slept in the shade of a birch,
Conveniently close to old Alloway kirk;
Then sudden awoke from Scotland far awa',
When "The Tailor" fell through the bed, thimble and a'."

This closes my story, and here I would add,
That when we have ended our festival glad,
This day of all days, of our dear Bobby Burns,
And each of us then on his homeward path turns,

When once more abroad on the world's cold highway,
By ignorance mocked and oppressed by proud sway,
Let's during the twelve months that passes away,
With joy look ahead to his next natal day.

The younger members of the Caledonian club, whose ideas of a proper celebration did not conform exactly with those of their elders, danced merrily all the evening in K. P. hall. The hall was well decorated with flowers, bunting and evergreen, and the music was excellent. At intervals the "wry necked pipe" sent out its thrilling notes, and right gaily the lads and lassies trod the measures of the old Scotch dances. The occasion was a pleasant one, and all present seemed to thoroughly enjoy the evening.

At K. of P. hall an excellent concert programme was given before the ball, in which J. T. Macrae, the Highland piper, took part. Local talent contributed music of a high order and the affair was a pleasant one.

MUNITIONS OF WAR.

Two Chinamen, a Knife, a Gun and a Hatchet.

MISSOULA, Jan. 25.—Soon after 2 o'clock this morning Officer White's attention was attracted by an unusual noise on West Front street, which sounded, according to his description, like a bunch of wild geese. Hastening down the street he found a couple of Chinamen engaged in a fierce scuffle, all the while calling each other all the bad names in the Chinese dictionary. The officer collared them both and conducted them to the police station. On the way one of the heathen seemed much alarmed and called the officer's attention to the fact that his late adversary and present companion in misery had a gun somewhere in his clothes. Search disclosed the fact that the fellow had hidden in the folds of his capacious coat, a 38-caliber Colt's revolver with every chamber loaded. Near where the men were arrested, lying on the ground, was found a terrible knife. The blade is about eight inches long, the back being about three-eighths of an inch thick and the edge as sharp as a razor. The point was also ground down as fine as a needle, making the weapon a formidable one. The hilt is of wood, trimmed with brass, the guard being a thick, rectangular piece of brass. Each of the Chinamen accused the other of being the owner of the knife, and the fellow who had to give up the gun said that the other one had a pistol, but if he had, he had disposed of it, for he had now when searched, and a careful examination of the street and premises where they were fighting failed to reveal any. Quong Wah and Ah Ping gave cash bonds for the appearance of the men in court and they were released.

Later search revealed an ugly hatchet, which one of the Chinamen had thrown into an alley near by. This made a formidable addition to the array of weapons that confronted Judge Evans this morning.

When the case was called to-day the Chinamen gave the names of Ah Sing and Ching Foy. According to the story of Sing, he is in love with a negro woman and Foy cut him out. Foy also owed him a considerable sum. Sing therefore proceeded to get satisfaction and was interrupted by the police. Sing paid \$10 and costs. Foy was discharged.

An Indian Jag Plant.

The bureau of ethnology has forwarded to the Johns Hopkins university for analysis a quantity of the hearts of a certain species of cactus native to the Indian Territory. These are eaten by the Kiowas and other southern prairie tribes, producing intoxication somewhat like that of hashish. Used in moderation, they are a most powerful tonic. Like the famous coca of Peru, they check waste, and so stimulate bodily activity as to enable a man to work hard without sleep for days together. The Indians chew these cactus hearts and swallow them. While under the influence a man is lifted out of himself, as it were. He is wide awake, yet dreaming. The intellect is not clouded, but stimulated to a high degree. But the most remarkable thing about this plant is that its peculiar effect is not followed by any reaction. On that account it should be ideally adapted for spirits. It is neither narcotic nor an opiate. The Southern prairie Indians, with whom the eating of the plant is a religion, regard it as a sure cure for all diseases, especially for consumption. At their sacred festivals they remain for days in the state of ecstasy described. Each man consumes the cactus hearts at the rate of three an hour. The songs and ceremonies are of a dreamy kind, appropriate to the method of inspiration.

England Going for Egypt.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—A sensation was caused this afternoon when it became known that the government had determined to act energetically in Egypt. At Aldershot a detachment of military and mounted police and some of the best cavalry in the army, with one or more infantry regiments were ordered to make ready to proceed immediately to Egypt. The government is striving to secure a number of large ocean steamers for use as troop ships to convey them thence.

Midwinter Fair Rates.

Commencing with Jan. 23, the Union Pacific railroad will sell excursion tickets to San Francisco and return at the rate of \$62.50. These tickets will include 5 admissions to the fair. They will be routed either via Portland or Ogden, will be limited to continuous passage in both directions and good for return 30 days. Remember the Union Pacific is the only direct line.

The report of the Girard college commuttee of Philadelphia shows that there are now 1,561 students in attendance at that institution.

WAITING FOR SPRING

Promises of Extensive Mining Operations in Western Montana.

IN THE PLACER FIELDS

Plans Have Been Mapped Which Contemplate Work Next Summer on a Large Scale—Quartz Mine Developments.

MISSOULA, Jan. 25.—There is every indication that the coming spring will witness more extensive mining operations in this section than have ever been carried on before. The placer work will be on a large scale in all the fields and larger returns than have been obtained previously may reasonably be expected as there has been a large amount of development work done since last spring and the old fields are now in fine condition for successful operations. New flumes and ditches have been constructed, considerable dead work has been done and in some places arrangements have been made to work the placers by "booming." In the Johnston diggings work is still going on, although no sluicing is being done, the work being wholly crosscutting from the part of the gulch that was worked last year.

In the quartz mines there is but little going on at present, but the various companies are planning to get an early start this spring and get affairs in such shape that by another winter matters will be in such shape that the mines may be worked continuously. The Iron Mountain, San Martina, Nine Mile and Curlew on the west, and the Clearcoal on the east of Missoula are the only mines that are working at present, but from all these the prospects are favorable and unless some unforeseen event happens in the meantime, on the whole, the outlook is favorable and there are better times ahead.

MISSOULA MATTERS

There were some Mitchell men in town this morning, but none this evening. The betting was light, except in one case where a prominent county official bet \$200 that the governor would stop the fight.

William Toole and C. E. Roae of the Bitter Root Development company were in town to-day.

James Conley returned from Hamilton this morning. A deed was recorded to-day transferring valuable timber land in the upper Blackfoot from John Cunningham to the Big Blackfoot Milling company.

Extensive changes have been made in the secretary's office of the Missoula Mercantile company.

What Chased Them.

"Why, talk about speed," said old Sailor Bill, "I mind the time when they warn't nothing on earth or water that could get away from the sailing frigate Guerriere or catch her, either. I mind once, when Fighting Tom was her skipper, we was running before a gale that bent all the stanchions; all at once one of the afterguards bawled out there was a frigate followin' close astern. We looked, and sure enough there was the hull of a bloody old frigate just the same exactly as the Guerriere clipping along astern only 'bout six cables away. 'Twarn't natural for a frigate to be there, an' we looked an' looked, an' wot d'you think we found it was?"

"The Flying Dutchman," I hazarded.

"Naw, 'twarn't the Dutchman," he replied, contemptuously. "I'll tell you wot it was. 'Ysee, we was clipping through the water at such a rate that the speed scraped the point clear off our hull as clean as a whistle, and there it was coming along astern all in shape, as if it had been whipped off just like another Guerriere!"—New York Press.

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